

Application No.: 09/205,297

REMARKS

Claims 29-48 are pending and await further action on the merits. Claims 36-47 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to nonelected subject matter.

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed to clarify the status of claims 1-48 in accordance with the new format rules.

Applicants' comments regarding the patentability of the present invention as described in the August 8, 2003 Amendment is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D. Reg. No. 43,575, at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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